

Where everyone matters and every day counts



Houghton Regis Primary School Newsletter
Friday 12th September 2025

Headteacher: Mrs R Parmar
Chair of Governors: Mr T Muldownie

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We have had two weeks back and we are all back into the swing of school life! The children have immersed themselves in their learning and have thoroughly enjoyed sharing their work with me. I am impressed with the knowledge that they have already gained and the enthusiasm they have for their new topics.

In our assemblies recently, children have been reminded about the importance of knowing who the safe adults are that they can talk to if they ever feel worried or need help, both in school and at home. Please take some time to discuss this at home too, so that the message is reinforced. We have also talked about why it is important to attend school every day and the impact missed learning has on children's education. Our attendance vastly improved last year and as a school, we will continue to support all families where necessary.

Next week, we will be discussing the importance of staying safe online. Children will be reminded about age restrictions on particular online platforms. We ask that you monitor your child's use of online games and platforms and the amount of time they are spending on a device.

Please can we remind parents and carers to ensure the correct lunch choices are made for children who select their school dinners at home. This week, we have had some children asking to change their options, which we are unable to do after the cut off time at 9:30am.

Thank you to those of you who have signed up to ClassDojo. Many of you have commented on the efficiency of communicating via this platform. If you are still having difficulty with connecting, please speak to your child's class teacher, who will give you a QR code to join.

Looking ahead, we have some important parent events coming up—these are listed on the Autumn Term Events page. They have also been added to ClassDojo. We look forward to welcoming families to these events.

For families in year 6, the dates for some secondary school open evenings have been shared. We will continue to add further dates to the events page as and when we are notified of other schools' open days/mornings.

We had a huge uptake for our clubs that are starting next week. If your child has secured a place, they will receive a letter containing the relevant information.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend. I look forward to seeing you next week.



Mrs R Parmar
Headteacher

Uniform Expectations

- White plain polo shirt/blouse or white shirt and school tie (optional)
- Bottle green sweatshirt or cardigan (with school logo - optional)
- Grey trousers or grey skirt/pinafore (knee length)
- Leggings are not permitted
- White or grey socks
- White or grey tights
- Black school shoes

PE Days 25-26

Nursery—Monday
Reception—Wednesday
Year 1—Thursday & Friday
Year 2—Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 3—Monday & Friday
Year 4—Monday & Thursday (Yellow)
Friday (Blue)
Year 5—Monday & Thursday
Year 6—Monday & Wednesday

School Dinners

The cost of school dinners is:

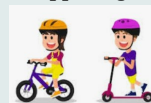
Nursery—£2.40

Years 3-6—£2.60

This can be paid via SchoolGrid.

Bikes and Scooters

A reminder that children must not be scooting or riding their bikes on the school premises before school and at the end of the day. Staff patrolling the playground will be reminding children to 'walk their wheels' in order to keep everyone safe by preventing any accidents from happening.



Kidz Zone Before and After School Club Information

If you would like further information on Kidz Zone, please visit our website or book on www.kidzzoneclub.com.

Snack at break times for Key Stage 2

A reminder that children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are welcome to bring a snack in for break times, however, this must be a nut-free healthy snack. Class teachers will be monitoring this.

House Names

Here is a reminder of our new house names and colours:

Curie
Bell
Brunel
Johnson

HEADTEACHER AWARDS



Congratulations to the following children:

Early Years *Eabha-Mae O'H, Elyanna N, Estrianna L, Loriarna C*
Years 1 & 2 *Soraiya T, Salma B, Darcie T, Joshua P*
Years 3 & 4 *Jaxon-James G, George F, Alex P, Aalayah A*
Years 5 & 6 *David J, David T, Samira A, Everly K-A*



AUTUMN TERM EVENTS:

Day	Date	Time	Year Group	Event	Location
Monday	15th September		All	Clubs to start this week	
Wednesday	1st October	3:00-4:00pm	All	Coffee afternoon led by Zoe Francois (Mental Health Support Team)	Hall
Thursday	2nd October	5:00-8:00pm	6	Queensbury Open Evening	Queensbury Academy
Tuesday— Tuesday	9th October— 14th October	Before school/ after school	All	Book Fair	Conservatory
Thursday	9th October	2:00-3:00pm	1	Parent workshop—Making fruit kebabs	Hall
Thursday	9th October	4:00pm	6	Manshead Open Evening	Manshead C of E Academy
Wednesday	15th October	2:30-3:00pm	Reception	Parent Meeting—Phonics	Hall
Thursday	22nd October	2:00-3:00pm	2	Parent workshop—The Great Fire of London	Hall
Monday— Friday	27th October— Friday 31st October		All	Half-Term	
Monday- Friday	3rd November- 7th November		6	Residential Trip	
Monday	3rd November		All	INSET DAY—school closed for all children	
Tuesday	4th November		All	Children return to school	
Monday	10th November	3:45-6:15pm	All	Parent Consultation Evening	Hall, Classrooms
Thursday	13th November	4:00-7:00pm	All	Parent Consultation Evening	Hall, Classrooms
Friday	19th December	2:00pm	All	Last day of term—school finishes at 2:00pm. There will be no after school club on this day.	

Meet our Leadership Team



Headteacher
Mrs R Parmar



**Assistant
Headteacher—
Pastoral & Inclusion**
Ms D Faure-Alexis



**Assistant
Headteacher—
Academic & Lower
Key Stage 2 Leader**
**Mr D de Gouviea-
Smith**



**School Business
Manager**
Mrs F Jones



Early Years Leader
Mrs R Baldwin



**Key Stage 1 Leader/
Lead Practitioner**
Miss M Davidson



**Upper Key Stage 2
Leader**
Miss E Naisby

Friends of HRPS!

What is a PTA?

PTA stands for Parent Teacher Association. Volunteer organisations like this are usually composed of parents, class reps, teachers and other school staff who come together for regular meetings to discuss the school year and upcoming events.

PTAs bridge the gap between parents, teachers and pupils, helping to build productive relationships and further ensure the school is a place where pupils can thrive.

PTAs are now established in most schools and parents enjoy working closely with teachers, creating bonds with other parents, fundraising for events, working with the local community and learning more about the curriculum.

At our school, we are known as Friends of HRPS.

What do we do?

Friends of HRPS aim to accomplish a range of things, all usually geared at making the school a better place to learn. We work together to raise money with a variety of creative events throughout the school year, encouraging the whole community to get involved.

Friends of HRPS events

In previous years, we have organised summer fetes, Santa's Christmas Grotto, discos and a sponsored walk to name a few.

Why is our role so important?

We give parents more of a voice and get them feeling involved. Parents can provide the school community with a fresh perspective and highlight any concerns in a supportive environment.

The organisations are also instrumental in providing additional opportunities for pupils by strengthening the overall school experience.

Why should you join Friends of HRPS?

Being a part of your child's school community has several benefits:

- Scheduled meetings allow parents to keep up to date with upcoming academic events and socials.
- It creates stronger relationships with staff members, where they can easily communicate expectations and standards of learning.
- It allows parents to establish relationships and network with other parents.
- Parents can support the school in creating the best environment possible for their child and other pupils, helping make a real difference.
- Friends of HRPS members can learn new skills, from fundraising and problem-solving to communication and creativity.
- As a member of Friends of HRPS, you'll be able to see measurable results and appreciate the impact of all your efforts!

Please email the Chair, Mrs R Reid-Stavrinides at: ptahrps@gmail.com if you would like to find out more information.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY MATTERS



Penalty Notice Fines for absence from school are changing

From 19th August 2024 Penalty Notice fines increase to £160 for each parent, for each child.



You can be fined if your child has a total of 5 days of unauthorised absences in 10 school weeks, for things like:

- being late after the register has closed
- truancy
- taking a holiday without permission from the school
- or if a headteacher isn't satisfied for the reason for missing school

Over a rolling 3-year period the sanctions are:

- 1st offence – £160 reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days
- 2nd offence – £160
- 3rd offence – Court hearing and up to £2,500 fine, or up to 3 months in prison and a criminal record

For more information go to:

www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/missing-school



Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools

PINS is a national project that brings health professionals, educators, and experienced parent carers together to support primary schools.



Partnerships for Inclusion of
Neurodiversity in Schools

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome from SNAP Parent Carer Forum

You're invited

SAVE THE DATE

We are so looking forward to meeting you online at our welcome to PINS meeting.

There is no need to book and you can join via the Zoom link below. It is an opportunity to find out more about PINS and what it means for your school.

There is a choice of 2 dates just join via the zoom link. Click on the link to join 12:00 – 12.30 PM on Wednesday 17th September

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81866370603?
pwd=PS2R29nRRqVbYkhv3Lo7mo9u7oJOHF.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81866370603?pwd=PS2R29nRRqVbYkhv3Lo7mo9u7oJOHF.1)

Meeting ID: 818 6637 0603 Passcode: 994186

Or

12:00 – 12.30 PM on Thursday 18th September

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86458077528?
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Meeting ID: 864 5807 7528 Passcode: 364893

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The Goal

To help every child feel included, understood, and supported—especially those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

PINS is designed to:

- ✓ Help schools improve how they support children with SEND
- ✓ Offer early help to children who may be struggling—with or without a diagnosis
- ✓ Provide training for school staff to build skills and confidence
- ✓ Strengthen communication and partnerships between schools and families

MORE INFORMATION



For more information please email
PINS@snappcf.org.uk and see our PINS webpage

Exciting News... Central Bedfordshire is part of a national programme called PINS and your school has signed up to be involved. We are very excited to be working with you.



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HELP!

We need your help to ...achieve the goal

SURVEY

- ✓ We need every parent carer to fill out our speedy survey!
- ✓ Your lived experience will support us to provide bespoke support for your school
- ✓ It takes just moments of your time to help make a difference



A link to the survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8P6KXDS>

**Survey closes on the 14th
September**

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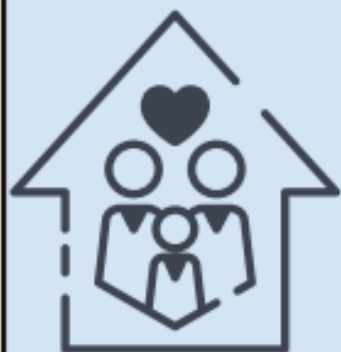
MHST Parent/Carer Coffee Afternoon



01.10.25

15:15–16:15pm

**Houghton Regis Primary
School**



A coffee afternoon for
both parents/carers and
their children to attend!



The event will provide
MHST information, advice,
support and activities for
adults and their children to
get involved in.



**We care
We respect
We are inclusive**

We would love to see you
there. We have ample
resources that could
support you and your
children.

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